so, what steps Government are taking to reduce this malaise through energising Primary Health Care in Rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): Yes, Sir. Government have taken steps to place greater emphasis on preventive and promotive aspects of Health Care through Health education measures. As a part of Primary Health Care, Schemes relating to provision of clean drinking water, environmental sanitation, nutritional education and supplementation and for empowering the community to look after minor ailments have been given special thrust. Publications on relevant themes have been brought out and circulated on a large scale emphasizing the adoption of home remedies like Oral Rehydration Therapy for managing diarrhoea. In addition to Health and Medical Institutions, other schemes having focus on maternal and child health, for examine, Integrated Child Development Schemes are in operation in rural and urban areas.

Replacement of tested samples of grease in controllerate of quality assurance

1536. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state?

(a) whether M/s Krishna Grease Manufacturing Co., Calcutta had supplied sub-standard Grease SG-240, worth Rs. 1.50 crores, for Defence use and the same was accepted at supply stage by Sr. Quality Assurance Establishment (GS), Calcutta, under DGQA Organisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that when samples for standard check were being tested at Controllerate of Quality Assurance (Petroleum Products) under DGQA Organisation, the original sub-standard samples were replaced by good samples in Grease Test House, with the collaboration of the Section Officer and the Incharge, to manipulate the test results in favour of the firm and this fraud was detected red-handed on the 27th March, 1989 by the offciating Controller CQA (PP) Kanpur and an inquiry was conducted in the whole affairs; and

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and what follow-up action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) Against a supply order for Grease SG-240 placed by DGS&D on M/s. Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company, Calcutta 196.455 tonnes valuing Rs. 29,77 lakhs (approx.) were accepted by the Officer-Incharge, 218 Petroleum Contract Unit, Calcutta under the Directorate General of Supplies & Transport, Army Hqrs; who is the Inspecting Officer as per the contract. This acceptance was based on the results of sample tests carried out by the Quality Assurance Establishment (General Stores), Calcutta, of the DGQA Organisation.

Subsequently some samples were drawn by the Controllerate of Quality Assurance (Petroleum Products) for carrying out standard checks, from the supplies after receipt at the consignee's end. A complaint was received that some of the standard check samples had been changed in the Test House of CQA(PP). On a preliminary enquiry into this complaint it was found that there was *prima facie* evidence of some samples having been changed. Fresh standard checks of samples were drawn and tested and these were found to be not in conformity with the specifications and all the batches from which samples were drawn were rejected. Further, all consignments accepted against this order were frozen. Two officials of the CQA(PP) have been transferred.

An inquiry into the circumstances leading to the acceptance of sub-standard grease and the alleged change of samples in the Test House of CQA(PP) has been ordered. DGS&D has been advised to (a) ask M/s Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company to replace the rejected consignments; and (b) to withhold payment for supplies against this supply

order. The firm has been deregistered for supplies to Defence.

Supply of sub-standard grease by M|s. Krishna Grease manufacturing Co., Calcutta

1537. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company, Calcutta, had been ordered to repay Rs. 1.50 crores for the supply of sub-standard Grease, SG-240, but no action has been taken so far against the culprits involved in this affair;

(b) whether it is a fact that this said firm was de-registered for sub-standard supply but immediately after expiry of one and a half month, de-registration was revoked and order for the supply of Grease SG-240 and LG-280 was placed again with it; and

(c) if so, on whose orders and under what conditions the de-registration was revoked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Against a supply order placed by DGS&D on M|s Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company, Calcutta, the firm had supplied 196.455 MT of SG-240 and 810.937 MT of LG-280, of total value of Rs. 1.59 crores (approx).

Since standard checks on samples drawn from some of the batches of the aforesaid supplies were not found to be in conformity with the specifications, these batches were rejected. The rest of the supplies were frozen and an inquiry ordered into the matter. DGS&D has been advised to ask : (i) M/s. Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company to replace the rejected consignments; and (ii) to withhold payment for supplies against this supply order. The firm has been de-registered for supplies to Defence. Further, two officials of the Controllerate of Quality Assurance (Petroleum Products) have been transferred.

(b) and (c) The firm was de-registered on 3-7-88 by the Director, Quality Assurance (Stores) of DGQA Organisation, as the firm had not replaced some consignments of stores which were lying rejected at the consignee's end. After receipt of information that they had replaced these consignments, the de-registration was revoked by DQA(S) himself on 30-8-88. The order for supply of grease SG-240 and LG-280 was placed on this firm in Oct. 1988 by the Director General, Supplies & Disposal.

Malaria Eradication Programme

1538. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Malaria Eradication Programme was launched in some parts of the country with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, the number of workers engaged in different States under the Scheme;

(c) whether some such schemes are being discontinued;

(d) if so, the number of workers likely to be affected due to the winding up of those schemes; and

(e) the steps taken to provide alternative employment to those workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Employees of Indian Statistical Institute

1539. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all categories of employees of Indian Statistical Institute, including Professors have been on hunger-strike and mass demonstration for quite some time;